

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 2, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tarah Cherry, Public Member  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jane D. Comerford, Assistant Attorney General  
Marianne Horn, Agency Legal Director, DPH  
Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH  
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter  
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter  
Ralph Efird, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

#### STUDENTS

There were no students in attendance at today's meeting.

#### CHAIR UPDATES

There were no updates from the Board.

#### OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Revised Agendas were handed out this morning.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone stated that she has not seen anything that will have an impact on nursing.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – WESTERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – SURVEY REPORT

Dr. Catherine Rice, Chair of the Department of Nursing, and Barbara Piscopo were present at this meeting. Pamela Pelletier reviewed the survey report with the Board. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to accept the report as written. The motion passed unanimously. The next survey report will be due in November, 2016.

## UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT – NEW INTERIM DEAN

Dr. Regina Cusson was present for this discussion. Dr. Cusson was appointed Interim Dean of the UConn School of Nursing on September 1, 2011. Dr. Anne Bavier, former Dean of the UConn School of Nursing, has accepted the invitation of Provost Peter Nicholls to assume a coordinating role on the Committee of Health Care Deans. This committee is a University priority, and Dr. Bavier's new role will consume substantially all of her time. Therefore she has stepped down as Dean of the School of Nursing. Dr. Cusson will be assuming the duties of Interim Dean and lead the school during this transition. A team has been put in place to assist Dr. Cusson to keep the school moving forward. Dr. Cusson has an extensive background in nursing education and academic administration which qualifies her for the Interim Dean position at UConn. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to approve Dr. Cusson as the Interim Dean. The motion passed unanimously. The Board Members congratulated Dr. Cusson on her new position.

## LINCOLN TECH – CHANGE IN PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Upon approval of this Board, Patricia DeLucia, RN, MSN, will assume the Program Administrator/  
Regional Director position for the Lincoln Technical Institute (LTI) Connecticut Schools. Ms. DeLucia has been a faculty member since 2002 and Program Manager of the New Britain Campus for the last three years. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the qualifications of Patricia DeLucia as the new Program Administrator/Regional Director for LTI's CT Schools. The motion passed unanimously. Jo-Ann Dean has been appointed the National Dean of Nursing for LTI Programs across the United States. The Board wished Patricia DeLucia and Jo-Ann Dean much success in their new positions.

## LINCOLN TECH – WAIVERS

The LTI New Britain Campus is requesting two six-month waivers which will not exceed the 10% limit as outlined in the state statutes.

The Board reviewed the waiver request for Dawn Mapp. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to grant the six-month waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the waiver request for Tracey Scriven. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the six-month waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

## LINCOLN TECH – SURVEY REPORT

Pam Pelletier surveyed all three campuses of Lincoln Tech. Jo-Ann Dean and Patricia DeLucia were both present for the review of the LTI Program. The programs are presently in teach-out mode which will complete all of the 15 month programs in December, 2011. The curriculum was revised and approved by the Nursing Board in May 2010. All students admitted to the Lincoln Tech LPN Programs after March 2011 are students of the 12 month program. Pam Pelletier visited the New Britain Campus on October 14 and 17, 2011, the Shelton Campus on October 18 and 19, 2011, and the Hamden Campus on October 24 and 25, 2011. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve all three LTI survey visits/reports. The motion passed unanimously. The next LTI review will be in November of 2016.

## NCSBN UPDATE

Jennifer Long has volunteered to work on the NCLEX writing committee and is waiting for further information from the NCSBN.

Break 10:10 AM – 10:20 AM

#### REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – JENNIFER PRENTISS, RN

Attorney Stephen Cowherd, representing Jennifer Prentiss who was not in attendance at today's meeting, and Attorneys Antonetti and Newton were present representing the Department of Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jane D. Comerford presented the Board with an overview of the history of this case and the Reinstatement Consent Order. After discussion, Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to accept the Reinstatement Consent Order. The motion failed as all were opposed without prejudice. The Board had concerns about the probationary terms, the length of time Ms. Prentiss would be monitored while working as a nurse, and they were struggling with patient safety assurance. A revised Reinstatement Consent Order would be presented to the Board at their November 16, 2011 meeting.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATHRYN ARMITAGE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kathryn Armitage. Ms. Armitage was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and failed as all were opposed with the exception of Maria Pietrantuono. The Motion for Summary Suspension was denied and the hearing was scheduled for January 18, 2012.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KRISTINE M. DUNLEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kristine M. Dunley. Ms. Dunley was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing.

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MATTHEW BERUBE, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision presented for Matthew Berube. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, that Mr. Berube's Decision be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:20 AM.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary M. Brown, RN, Chair Pro Tem  
Tarah Cherry, Public Member  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair (*via telephone 8:30 AM – 8:50 AM*)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jane D. Comerford, Assistant Attorney General  
Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

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Chair Pro Tem Mary Brown called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Pro Tem Mary Brown welcomed students from Eli Whitney LPN Program.

Chair Pro Tem Mary Brown and Legal Office Attorney David Tilles provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs at the completion of the hearings.

#### REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – JENNIFER PRENTISS, RN

Attorney Stephen Cowherd was present on behalf of Jennifer Prentiss, who was unable to attend as she is currently out of state. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jane D. Comerford was present as Board's Counsel on this matter. All Board Members were provided a copy of the transcript of the Reinstatement Consent Order Proceedings which took place at the Board's November 2, 2011 meeting. On Tuesday, November 15, 2011, the Board was also e-mailed the Revised Reinstatement Consent Order. Chair Bouffard was not in attendance at this meeting although she was available via telephone and participated in the discussion and voting. Maria Pietrantuono moved to accept the Revised Reinstatement Consent Order regarding Jennifer Prentiss, RN. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. Chair Pro Tem Mary Brown signed the Order which becomes effective December 1, 2011. Attorney Cowherd stated that Ms. Prentiss' address of record is the Wethersfield address although she is temporarily in Arlington, Texas.

#### CONSENT ORDER – JOHN A. WELCH, JR., LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for John Welch. Mr. Welch was present pro se. The Board reviewed the Consent Order which places Mr. Welch's license on probation for six months, requiring coursework, and a reprimand which becomes effective December 1, 2011. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Pro Tem Mary Brown signed the Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – MELISSA ROCKETT, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Melissa Rockett. Attorney Martha Murray was present representing Melissa Rockett who was unable to attend today's meeting. The Board reviewed the Consent Order which places Ms. Rockett's license on probation for six months, requiring coursework, and a reprimand which becomes effective December 1, 2011. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jeffrey Marvin, to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Pro Tem Mary Brown signed the Order.

#### HEARING – KRISTINE DUNLEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Kristine Dunley was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided.

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to Deem the Allegations Admitted. Ms. Dunley received notice, was not present at today's hearing, and did not file a response to the Statement of Charges prior to this hearing which was stipulated in the Notice of Hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Dunley was released from the HAVEN program and referred to the Department of Public Health for further action as she had three positive drug/alcohol screen reports.

Jeffrey Marvin moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to find Ms. Dunley as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Marvin moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, for revocation of Ms. Dunley's license. The motion passed unanimously.

#### HEARING – TODD STOCKHEIMER, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Todd Stockheimer was present pro se. Mr. Stockheimer had not provided the Board with a written response to the Statement of Charges therefore Chair Pro Tem Mary Brown requested Mr. Stockheimer to provide a verbal response to each charge. Mr. Stockheimer admitted to Charges Nos. 1, 2, and 4, and denied Charge No. 3. Attorney Tilles entered the Department's Exhibits into the record, he did not call any witnesses, although Attorney Tilles did request an opportunity to cross examine Mr. Stockheimer after he presented his case. Mr. Stockheimer did not enter any exhibits into the record and did not have any witnesses. Testimony was provided by Mr. Stockheimer. When the questioning moved into the area of the Respondent's medical record, Chair Pro Tem Mary Brown moved that the Board enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. The room was cleared of all observers at 10:04 AM. The questioning regarding Mr. Stockheimer's medical records concluded at 10:30 AM at which time Executive Session was concluded and observers returned for the completion of the hearing.

Maria Pietrantuono moved that Mr. Stockheimer be found as charged as the evidence supported findings on all of the charges. The motion was seconded by Tarah Cherry and passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, that Mr. Stockheimer's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Chair Pro Tem Mary Brown who was opposed.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 10:55 AM. Chair Pro Tem Mary Brown and Legal Office Attorney David Tilles spoke with the students.

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